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Since Scanlon's death, while confined to my bed, I have endeavored to keep in touch with the situation. I have learned of some 5 cases and 3 deaths, with the additional statement of 3 other cases not authentic, and the very startling statement that there are 19 cases at Port Royal among the naval officers and artillery men. I am, of course, being confined to the house, unable to verify these facts. I have not yet received any reply from the military authorities as to the cases under their jurisdiction or from the medical officer at Port Royal. I, on yesterday, addressed a personal note to the governor, asking him to direct a reply to be sent to me from these sources, and stating that if the information was not furnished I should be compelled to proceed with the best information within my reach and declare the disease epidemic. * * * My own information is that the city of Kingston and vicinity is on the verge, if not already in the throes, of an epidemic, and I should not be surprised if compelled to use the cable in the usual course within a day or two.

The island of Barbados has quarantined Jamaica, and all Royal Mail steamships have stopped taking passengers to the Windward Islands.

If I should not use the cable before the receipt of this dispatch, I desire to know by cable whether I may threaten steamships here with quarantine at New York should they carry passengers.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

LOUIS A. DENT,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure No. 1.]

BILL OF HEALTH.

PORT OF KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

I hereby certify that the ———, commanded by ———, is about to sail from this port of Kingston, Jamaica, bound for ——— with a crew of ——— men, captain included, and ——— passengers.

I further certify that at the time of granting this document no plague nor any other contagious or infectious disease prevails in this port or its vicinity.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand at Kingston, this ——— day of ——— 189—

Secretary Central Board of Health.

[Inclosure No. 2.]

Copy of note placed upon bill of health given to the steamship Altai, leaving Kingston the 6th of October, 1897, for New York.

"During the past eight weeks there have been 8 cases and 4 deaths of yellow fever officially reported in public institutions in the Island. My investigations show 42 cases and 17 deaths in Kingston; 4 cases and 3 deaths in Port Antonio; 3 cases and 1 death in Manchester. The next week will determine whether the fever is epidemic or not."

JAPAN.

Sanitary report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, October 12, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious diseases in Japan for period October 1 to October 10, inclusive.

I am glad to say that, despite the continued considerable prevalence of epidemic dysentery, the ports of Yokohama and Kobe remain comparatively exempt from this disease.

I am, sir, very respectfully your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Report of infectious diseases in Japan, October 1 to October 10, 1897.

Locality.	Cholera.		Dysentery.		Smallpox.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....			121	12		
Osaka Fu.....			114	40		
Tokyo Fu.....	3		227	80		
Aichi Ken.....			119	42		
Akita Ken.....			6	1		
Awomori Ken.....			86	7		
Chiba Ken.....			286	103		
Fukui Ken.....			183	81		
Fukuoka Ken.....			104	13		
Fukushima Ken.....			143	37	4	1
Gifu Ken.....			62	19		
Gumma Ken.....			149	88		
Hiogo Ken.....			120	43		
Hiroshima Ken.....			316	130		
Ibaraki Ken.....			53	21		
Ishikawa Ken.....			79	24		
Iwate Ken.....			34	15		
Kagawa Ken.....	(*)					
Kagoshima Ken.....			111	25	1	1
Kanagawa Ken.....			297	134		
Kochi Ken.....			57	12		
Kumamoto Ken.....	(*)					
Miyagi Ken.....			78	30	2	
Miyazaki Ken.....			24	4		
Miye Ken.....	(*)					
Nagano Ken.....			374	98		
Nagasaki Ken.....			78	14		1
Nara Ken.....	(*)					
Niigata Ken.....	(*)					
Oita Ken.....			58	13		
Okayama Ken.....			98	36		
Okinawa Ken.....	(*)					
Saga Ken.....			18	9		
Saitama Ken.....			78	33		
Shidzuoka Ken.....			349	120		
Shiga Ken.....			43	19		
Shimane Ken.....			186	68		
Tochigi Ken.....			37	13		
Tokushima Ken.....			57	1		
Tottori Ken.....			87	20		
Toyama Ken.....			21	10		
Wakayama Ken.....			21	4		
Yamagata Ken.....			23	9		
Yamaguchi Ken.....	(*)					
Yamanashi Ken.....			290	137		
Yehime Ken.....			239	62		
The Hokkaido.....			3		7	5
Taiwan (Formosa).....	(*)					
Total.....	3		4,869	1,627	14	8

* No report.